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Dear Roger and Jerry,

When the LBJ White House asked the FBI what it had on six of us who had written books critical of the Warren Commission, perhaps not only books, with emphasis on the notion that there was some USSR connection that did not exist with any one of us, Ed Epstein was one. And the FBI responded by saying that he had gone to the USSR. So, although perhaps it was not known that he had been in Minsk, it was known that he had gone to the USSR.

Only I thought it was an different Ed Epstein!

I did not believe he would want to go there, with his views.

That it was connected with NSA makes sense because at that time NSA was a CIA front.

From what you say I believe that Epsteinwas the only source Sylvia could have had.

You say you read Legend and no more about it. Maybe you and Sylvia did not know but he completely changed that book after it was adverstised by the publisher, in at least Publisher's Weekly. if I remember correctly. When I say changed I mean radically. Different book, different title, etc. I have that ad in a thick file.

The radical change seems to have coincided with his getting together with Angleton. I mean to convey the idea that he made this radical change because Angleton wanted it. I have no way of knowing but I thibk that Angleton's and CIA's help were required to open up the sources he quotes like Miler, who without sanction would be violating his oath required by the CIA. (In this connection, I believe that John L. Hart's testimony for the CIA to HSCA, which I taped and gave to Wrone, was altered with regard to Miler and his acts and associates. I read that testimony when I was asked to help a British writer from whom I've heard nothing since. What I mean to say is that it was edited and stuff was eliminated in publication.)

I believe that Sylvia's death alters the whole situation and that if she has an Epstein file that is marked confidential this kind of information in it ought not be now regarded as confidential. Like whatever she may have about his being in Minsk at the time and anything else on Epstein relating to his work, anything not clearly personal and clearly irrelevant. She could have personal things about him that are relevant. As far back as 1966 she was disgusted by his cowardice, his refusal to be on programs where he would not be alone and would be with other critics or face criticism. I was involved in two such and one that she knew nothing about in addition, when he refused to hear me on a call-in in Washington. Both she knew about were on WNEW-TV in NYC.

I'm not sneding a copy of this to Paul because I've written him several times about something without response. If he send me a copy of anything he writes and I can respons, I'll do it.

He's been dishonest to help Lifton and he's given, in fact used his mailing list to promote Lifton's videocassette busines on Second-Best Evidence. I'm surprised because I never expected him not to be honest.

Best,

Harold